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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF****MAILSTOP APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS**

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Commissioner:

We hereby respond to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on September 27, 2005 in reference to our Appeal Brief filed on July 11, 2005. In this Response, we provide replacement Sections 5 and 6 as requested in the Notification and as permitted under MPEP § 1205.3(B). These replacement sections begin on the following page.

##### **5. Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter**

This Application includes three independent claims (claims 1, 7 and 15), examples of which are summarized below.

One embodiment encompassed by independent claim 1 and described with reference to FIGS. 1-2 and associated text (except where noted) relates to a content-providing system [130] for allowing a remotely-located user operating a general-purpose network browser program [206] having a user interface [e.g. FIGS. 5A-B] displayed by a client computer [102] to interact with a flight simulator program [300, 310 in FIGS. 3-4] via a public digital network [106]. The system comprises a gateway [132] having an interface [para. 0025] to said public digital network, a database [116] in communication with said gateway, and at least one general-purpose host computer system [134] executing a server portion [228] of said flight simulator program on a simulation card [136], wherein the server portion comprises executable code that is based upon executable code used in an actual aircraft component [para. 0028].

Continuing with the exemplary embodiment of claim 1 but with primary reference now to FIG. 3 and associated text, said gateway in the above embodiment is operable to receive a request [step 302] via the public digital network for a connection to said server portion from the general-purpose network browser executing on the client computer, to authenticate [step 308] the request based upon information contained in the database, and to establish a connection [step 310] over the public digital network between said server portion and a client portion of said flight simulator program executing on the client computer following a successful authentication. Primary processing for said flight simulator takes place at said server portion, and updates to the user interface displayed on the client computer are processed at said client portion [see, e.g., para. 0032].

Another embodiment encompassed by independent claim 7 provides access via a public digital network [106] from a client computer [102] to a server portion [228] of a flight simulator program at a content-providing system [130] having a database [116], wherein the client computer comprises a client portion [104] of said flight simulator program and a general purpose network browser [206] having a user interface [e.g. FIGS. 5A-B] displayed on the client computer. With primary reference now to FIGS. 3-4 and associated text, the exemplary method [300] comprises receiving a request for a connection [step 302] from the network browser via said public digital network at a gateway [132] associated with said content-providing system,

wherein the request comprises an authentication credential [para. 0036]. The authentication credential is correlated [step 308] with data stored in the database to verify that said client portion is permitted to access said server portion [para. 0038]. A connection is established between said client portion and said server portion across said public digital network via said gateway in response to the request [step 310]. With primary reference now to FIG. 4, the method further comprises executing said server portion at said content-providing system [step 408], wherein the server portion comprises executable code executing on a simulator card [136] residing in a general purpose host computer [134], and wherein the executable code is based upon executable code used in an actual aircraft component [para. 0028]. Instructions are provided from said server portion to said client portion, said instructions corresponding to an update to the user interface executing at said client computer [para. 0043].

With primary reference again to FIGS. 1 and 2, an additional embodiment encompassed by independent claim 15 encompasses a system [130] for providing access over a network [106] between a server application [228] and a remotely-located client computer [102] executing a general-purpose network browser [206] and a client application [104]. The system comprises a database [116] configured to store a plurality of records, and also comprises a plurality of cards [136], each of said plurality of cards residing in a general-purpose host computer [134] and comprising a card processor [220] configured to execute a copy [224] of said server application, wherein the server application comprises executable code that is based upon executable code used in an actual aircraft component [para. 0028]. A gateway [132] in communication with said network, with the database, and with each of said plurality of cards is configured to provide access between said client application and the copy of said server application executing on one of said plurality of card processors via said network [para. 0043], and wherein said access is based upon comparison of a credential provided from said browser with one of the records stored in the database [para. 0038].

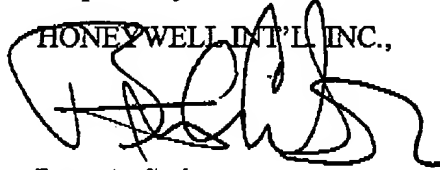
#### **6. Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal**

The sole grounds of rejection to be reviewed upon Appeal is whether claims 1, 7 and 15 are unpatentable under 35 USC § 103 over the cited combination of Huffman, Lin, Darago, Salisbury and "additional information known in the art".

This Response is believed to be filed in a timely manner without any need for extensions of time. If for some reason this is not the case, however, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time and grants the Commissioner authorization to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fees as may be required to consider this Response and/or to prevent abandonment of this application.

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